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The Library: It Ain't Just For Books No More

by Stephen Smith

Since June of last year, there has been a massive renovation and expansion of MBA's Patrick Wilson Library. This project, which has a projected cost of 1.5 million dollars, has recently been completed.

This renovation of our library involved its expansion by 3170 square feet largely on the east side of the building. Also, the library was extensively remodeled. The main floor of the library has been redesigned and now has a new floor plan, which contains much more space for books and periodicals. For example, a new railing along the second floor now includes glass panels with names of prominent people in history, and several panels featuring Nobel Prize winners have been added to the entrance. A new, specially designed clock has been built for our library

and will soon be placed on the second floor where the time can be told from most places in the main room. Two new private study rooms have also been added on the main floor for use by students. The language lab has also been renovated with a number of stations all connected to a main control booth. Also, MBA has purchased many pieces of new furniture that now decorate the building.

Part of this renovation is the construction of several new rooms as well as changing the uses of several previously existing rooms. Two large conference rooms, the Roscoe Davis Creative Writing Room and the Anne Potter Wilson Room, are now in place. The once Audio Visual room is now a student computer center with a total of 28 computers for everyday student use. In addition to this, a computer classroom has been added with 14 com-

puters for classroom use. The majority of these new computers are high-end Hewlett-Packard computers (120 MHz) with high speed Internet access.

Some students think the library's renovation could have been extended further. Some students, like Jeff Scobey, still think that the library needs to purchase additional laptops for student use, especially ones that have Windows 95 for those students not familiar with Macintosh. Sumeet Vaikunth adds that CD-ROM drives and Internet access would also be useful on the lap-tops which currently only have word processors.

The new library is an incredible improvement, and its new resources and technology are stunning. As Josh Rosenblatt said after touring the new library, "I never knew we were in college."

Mrs. Qian, a Big Plus for MBA Math

by Will Hines and Patrick Carnell

Mrs. Qian, a new Algebra teacher at MBA, grew up in Shanghai, China, an area which she says is very similar to New York, because it has many residents, despite the fact that most of Shanghai's occupants rely on bicycles for transportation. Mrs. Qian has two brothers and a sister, with whom she keeps in constant contact, even though they are spread out over the world. Her older brother is currently in Germany, and previously graduated from the University of Munich. Her younger brother works at Stanford University in the science department. Her younger sister lives in China and is employed as a software engineer.

Growing up, her father was a supervisor of the financial department in a large factory, and her mother taught Math and English in a nearby school. Since both of her parents' jobs dealt with mathematics, she developed a love for the field at an early age. She began to realize her talents in the seventh grade when she joined the math club, and participated in it for the rest of her high school career. She told us that in China the seniors take six large exams, the equivalent of the American SAT. She admits that she did poorly on her history, but excelled in math and physics, achieving the second highest grade for mathematics in her class.

We asked how American schools differ from the Chinese schools. Mrs. Qian told us that the

school system was slightly different from our American academies. She said that China had no private

schools, so the Chinese classes could have as many as forty students in each. She also commented on what an average Chinese school day was like. The day starts at 7:40, when the students participate in morning exercises to music. Each class is fifty minutes, like in America; however, she said that there are small breaks after each class, and an hour and a half break for lunch. She talked about the length of the school year, which spans from September the first to mid July. Although the students do not get Christmas off, they get two weeks of break for the Chinese New Year. This holiday occurs on February seventh for 29-30 days. We asked about how the two cultures compared on school discipline. Surprisingly, she told us that the differences were slight. In China the main discipline problem is



students talking. Their punishment, unlike receiving demerits, is to stand for the class period, or if they persist, to stand against the wall. Chuckling, Mrs. Qian quickly added, "If it was like this here, sometimes, everyone would have their noses to the wall." She then commented on late homework, for which they are punished by being sent to the deans' office to make up the work.

Finally, we wondered about her interests. We learned several interesting facts. When asked about music, she revealed her secret talent, which is piano playing. She said she often accompanies her son, Hanlin, during concerts and recitals. Along with her love of music she enjoys singing. She also regularly attends T-PAC classic music concerts, and told us she appreciates the ease of getting tickets as compared to the Chinese theater. She also enjoys watching basketball and pingpong. Mrs. Qian's favorite foods are all Chinese: stir-fry vegetables, sweet and sour pork, and egg rolls.

Mrs. Qian is the only foreign teacher in the junior school this year, and teaching in America has been difficult. Mrs. Qian, however, is trying her best with the American school system, and has been an excellent math teacher over the course of the first semester. The first day of class, she greeted everyone with a smile and said, "I will be your math teacher, and you will be my English teacher."

Patrick Wilson Library
Montgomery Bell Academy

EDITORIALS

Junior School News

Two Eighth Graders Are Honored for Musical Talent

On January 31 and February 1, 1997, Scott Sagen and Blake Esterday were recognized for their outstanding musical talent as members of The Nashville Independent Honor Band. The band members practiced all day Friday from eight A.M. and Saturday from eight A.M. to twelve noon at Montgomery Bell Academy. The group was lead by the McGavock High School band director. The two day event concluded at a concert on Saturday which was composed of the Junior High and High School Bands.

Eighth Graders Recognized for Outstanding Academic Record at MBA

On Monday, February 3, the following 15 eighth graders were honored with enrollment in the Junior Honor Society. The requirements for the society involve a 90 average for three consecutive semesters.

Jamie Atkinson	Derek Detring	Zac Hood
Saeid Azamtarrahian	Patrick Gibbs	Michael Osburn
Jesse Bull	Jon Hampton	Stephen Smith
Patrick Carnell	Miller Harris	Matt Trainer
Drew Conrad	Ryan Holt	Sumeet Vaikunth

Two Eighth Grade Eagles

Blake Esterday and Jon Hampton recently received their Eagle Scout Award which is the highest rank one can achieve in the Boy Scouts of America. This achievement takes years of dedication and hard work and only one percent of all members obtain this honor. Congratulations to these two on this great achievement.

Seventh Grader Named to All HVAC Tournament Soccer Team

Drew Oldham, a starting midfielder on the Microbe Soccer Team was named to the all tournament team at this years HVAC Tournament. Drew had outstanding play in all three games against the tournament teams. Congratulations to Drew for his outstanding play and great team leadership throughout the season.



Drew Oldham

An MBA Seventh Grader was Lead in Local Opera

Peter Christenberry appeared in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, a Christmas opera produced by First Presbyterian Church. He played the leading role of Amahl, a crippled shepherd.

Junior Schoolers Awarded For Outstanding Art Works

Seven Junior School artists won merit awards in the 1997 Young Artist's Competition held at Cheekwood for their outstanding artistic talent shown on their works entered. Tom Paine was given a Gold Award while Ryan Holt, Alex Blagojevich, Bill Alley, Nathan Sensing, Patrick Simpson, and B.J. Billups were Merit Award winners. Congratulations to these fine artist and their amazing teacher Mr. Pederson.

Do you think you are special? Do you think you deserve to be in this column? Tell us; we care-- really.

The News Box was compiled by Josh Rosenblatt, Stephen Smith, and Jon Hampton

Ender's Game

by Paul Johnson

Ender's Game is a masterful work of fiction by the award winning author Orson Scott Card. The book itself won both a Nebula and a Hugo, two of the most prestigious awards in science fiction. Orson Scott Card is one of the great science fiction writers, as good as, if not better, than Timothy Zahn, but not quite Asimov. Card tells a captivating story. The reader identifies with his characters and becomes engrossed in a story that is both enjoyable and thought-provoking.

The main character, Ender Wiggin, is a young boy who, because of his abilities, is studied by the military. They want to see if he can be the next commander of earth's forces in the war against the buggers, an insect-like race from across the galaxy.

When Ender is judged competent and intelligent enough to lead earth's forces against the buggers, he is sent to the military academy to train. Ender is something of an outcast at the academy because of his incredible abilities. Ender also has an amazing propensity for getting into fights with other children.

After his stay at the academy, Ender goes to the big school for people in the military to learn tactics from a great general of the past. Here is where the book comes to its climax in a particularly surprising way.

Ender's Game sends an excellent message, especially to teachers. It will make teachers consider how they teach and cause them to rethink their expectations of students and the idea of "giving it all" for studies.

I loved this book. It had an excellent message and interesting ideas. It also told a great story, mixing artistic modern, flashy images with simple human interaction between two different peoples. This book makes one think and entertains at the same time.

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EDITORIALS

Star Wars Strikes Back

by Giles Evans

As the Rebel Blockade Runner *Tantive IV* whizzes by, rocked by explosions and spewing blaster bolts, and the ominous Imperial *Star Destroyer Devastator* pursues close behind, audiences everywhere have mixed reactions. Some people, like me, think, "All right! I've been waiting for this for so long!" Others may think, "I have seen this before. I have the video and have watched it more times than I have hairs on my head. Why am I paying ten bucks to see it again?" Whether you went because you were just curious or obsessed, you might want to hear about what was added to the movie, if you didn't notice, or didn't see it (heaven forbid!), then here they are. . . .

1. Cosmetic changes: This involves many more X-wings and Y-wings at the battle over the Death Star. The explosions are much more spectacular (i.e. The Death Star and Alderaan blowing up). There is much more footage of the battle between Stormtroopers and Rebel soldiers aboard the *Tantive IV*. There are also more monsters in Mos Eisley and throughout the movie.

2. Additions to existing scenes: The scene where Luke Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi fly into Mos Eisley spaceport aboard the landspeeder is much longer, showing them flying into the twisting alleys of the spaceport. In the scene on Yavin 4, Luke meets his old friend Biggs Darklighter, who had left to join the rebellion months before. Biggs tells his commander that "Luke here is the best pilot in the outer rim systems!"

3. Han vs. Jabba the Hutt: And you thought that you did not have to see that slobbery slug until *Return of the Jedi*! When Han comes out of the Mos Eisley cantina, he finds Jabba and his minions waiting for him. And this time Jabba can move! Jabba and Han discuss Han's large debt. At one point, Han steps on Jabba's tail. Han gets to leave in the end, but only because he is Jabba's best smuggler and he agrees to pay an extra 20 percent interest. There are the new things, and I hope I haven't ruined them for you. May the force be with you!

Star Wars, I Want My Money Back

by Josh Rosenblatt

The *Star Wars* Trilogy, The Special Edition, was far and away the worst movie I've ever had to go see in my entire life. And for those of you who are curious, that does include *Fantasia*!

"No!" they cry, "That can't be! *Star Wars* was awesome! Didn't you see the five new minutes in the movie! Didn't you see when he stepped on Jabba's tail. The revamped special effects... blah blah blah blah!" SHUT UP! The movie, for those among us who have decided to become *Star Wars* freaks, was the same! The five new minutes, which was only some new furry, ugly creatures, was not worth my six dollars.

"But the acting was still good and the story was the one everyone has grown up with."

Sorry. The acting was the same teenaged Mark Hamill who has a squeaky voice. "But I was going into

Tashi station to get some power converters" (which translates into) "I'm really a mouse who gets paid too much money!"

"What about the fighting scenes? Didn't you feel like you were really flying in an X-Wing at light speed? Shootin' down those TIE fighters!" But seriously, can't the writers please come up with some interesting names. That is the least they can do because the plot is unsavable anyway. X-Wing, Y-Wing. Bor-ing is more like it.

People have told me, "Josh, come on, it was the best movie ever made. The special effects are amazing! The sound effects were astounding, and you are Princess Leia's cousin! Get a grip, like the movie!!! Join the force, Josh, don't be on the dark side."

Come on, you know the dark side has all the power. Save your money, don't go see the movie.

Girls at MBA !?!?

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that MBA's being an all male school is driving some people insane. I have been able to resist the temptation of having girls at this school for some time, but I have almost gone off the deep end. It is evident that some students have be-



No Caption Needed. Photo by Mrs. Bourland

come delirious over the absence of female students. I ask that you seriously consider the co-edding of this school, which will hopefully inspire both teachers and students to do great things in their time at MBA.

Sincerely yours,

A girl-crazed student

Please tell us your own opinion on the "co-edding" of MBA. Please give your written opinions Jon Hampton or Josh Rosenblatt.

ENTERTAINMENT

Playstation's Things They Love to Hate

by William Kaminski, Mark Wheeler, and Russ Martin

Best Games

by Peter Callister

5 — **Gameday '97** - Gameday '97 is one of the coolest football games of all time. Not only does it have incredible graphics, but it is also so rare because it is such a great and popular game.

4 — **Tekken 2** — Not to say anything bad about any other fighting games, but this one tops them all. Each fighter in the games is 3-d rendered and has his/her own special moves and combos. Tekken 2 takes Tekken a step further and becomes an even greater game than the first, revolutionary Tekken.

3 — **Twisted Metal 2: World Tour** - Twisted Metal 2 takes Twisted Metal and throws it into the garbage. Not to belittle the original, but this sequel is about ten times better all around than Twisted Metal ever was. Twisted Metal 2 contains only the good cars from Twisted Metal and has a completely new range of levels that are at various locations around the world. Each car that was in the original game is upgraded to the satisfaction of all.

2 — **Resident Evil** - I have always been impressed with Capcom's games, but this one is by far the best. Not only does Resident Evil have an intriguing plot, but it also contains incredible 3-dimensional graphics. At the beginning of the game, you are trapped in an old mansion full of zombies, dogs, and other fierce creatures that are all trying to kill you. The point of the game is to get as many weapons as you can, kill everything in sight, and escape that mansion alive. Along the way, you must solve puzzles and get books, keys, ammo, jewels, etc. Resident Evil is a #1 buy and offers hours of playing time.

1 — **Die Hard Trilogy** - "Three maximum adventures, one explosive package!" It contains three games, Die Hard, Die Hard 2: Die Harder, and Die Hard With A Vengeance.

Each game follows the basic plot of the movie. In Die Hard, you must work your way from the basement of a terrorist-filled skyscraper to the top, killing all of the terrorists while sparing the hostages. Die Harder, also features all the events of the movie, such as shootouts at an airport, runway, airplane, and church. Die Harder has superb graphics and a high intensity level.

Die Hard with a Vengeance involves driving around NYC in a cab in order to find a bomb which you destroy with the car. This game also has incredible graphics and takes you for a ride in the city.

1. MTV - Remember when MTV was cool? When there were time blocks entitled "Music Videos"? Well, those days are over, and if you want cool music videos, then change the channel. "Why?" you ask. "Because," we say, "They have about five shows especially for jams, and they play them all the time. Also, there are too many stupid shows that have nothing to do with music (*Singled Out!*) To lengthen the list, they play seven minute long commercials every two minutes. . .and they are not even funny commercials. I don't want to see the same commercials for the military and for zit cream.

2. Headshaving- let's compare MBA to a boot camp, shall we. A boot camp has the armed guards and shaved heads. MBA has unarmed guards and shaved heads. We have a match! It disgusts us for people to deprive themselves of hair, exposing sick, once-hidden zits, boils, and even fat rolls. EWIE!

3. Shows getting canceled- *Transformers*. More than meets the eye. What? Not there? Canceled after thirteen years on the small screen?! Why do so many shows end up dying? Not only was *Transformers* part of this plot, but also was *Herman's Head* which is now made fun of weekly. But this was a great show! And everybody remembers *Family Feud*. I have the home version that you can order through the mail (money well spent). One weird day it was sent to WXMT 30. Then they fired that Ray Toth guy and got that stingy old man from *The Running Man*. Then it ceased to exist! Should the *X-Files* people examine this? Yes!

4) No all-midget network- If a person in your family wants to watch *Willow* six times a day, please wish with us.

5) No all-Kung-Fu station- Now this should take *Court TV*. Nothing but Bruce Lee, Jim Kelly, cheesy looking moves, funny editing, and people flying. Woo!

6. Stupid people like Dennis Rodman and

Rosie O' Donnell getting their own shows. Dennis Rodman is a basketball player who decided to get a bunch of lousy tattoos and a few rings in unusual places so that he would be popular, and Rosie O'Donnell does K-Mart commercials!! Mr.T should have his own show instead, but no one knows where he is.

7) Disappearance of Mr.T- nobody else in the history of the world has ever had a children's cereal named after him. This chain wearing, chain wearing, chain wearing wrestler who had a cool role in the A-Team, disappeared mysteriously and only appears in movies like *Spy Hard*. We have reason to believe that this American 80's hero is currently working as a florist in Peoria, Illinois. But there will never be proof.

8) Cool singers dying- Why is it that Nirvana, Blind Melon, and Sublime have no career? It is because all of their singers are dead. We wait forever for these amazing bands to come to Nashville, so we can see them live, but of course, the member that the band cannot do without ends up stiff and cold in his trailer. Doh!

9) WXMT getting all the good shows- *Darkwing Duck*, *Married with Children*, and *The Fresh Prince of Bellair* were on a good network but a few people did not like them, so they moved them to the worst non-cable channel.

10) Cable company changing all the cable channels- Ahh, yes. I remember the days when MTV was channel 11. Then it was channel 16, and now channel 34. So why do we have to memorize each channel again and again? It's a big conspiracy.

11) CDs with eight or less songs- This idiotic idea keeps me from buying much wanted albums. I say, "Gee, this is an album by a band that I like. What?! Seven songs?! FORGET IT!- Wait, it has the song I like. But only six other ones?! And for \$17.95?! AAAHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!

Announcing:

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for the 7th and 8th grade.

Categories: Prose (Short Stories, Narratives, essays) and Poetry

Prizes: 1st place - \$50

2nd place - \$35

3rd place - \$10

Please turn in all entries, a hard copy and a disk to Mrs. Bourland ASAP

SPORTS

Wrestling Places Third in HVAC Tournament

by Cal Alexander

The Microbe Wrestling team had a good and successful season, and we hope to have a great winning season next year. Our basic goals for every year are: first, to have a winning season and to win the HVAC (the Harpeth Valley Athletic Conference) and secondly to whoop up on the Ensworth Tigers. This year compared to last year, we came much closer to accomplishing these

second and both received a silver medal, and Phillip Simpson, Patrick Simpson, and Logan Hughes all received gold medals for winning first place in the HVAC.

All of the wrestlers on the Microbe Team contributed in their own way to the successful season of the team. Those who did not start during the season helped the others by good hard practice and dedicated spirits. The team captains, Cal



MBA's wrestling first and second place medalist: Porter Meadows, Logan Hughes, Drew Conrad, Phillip Simpson, and Patrick Simpson. Photo by Patrick Carnell

feats, and next year there are hopes that we will do even better. This year we placed third in the HVAC Tournament, and we received a plaque to help us honor this victory. Many of the wrestlers on our team either placed or received medals. Alex Blagojevich and Will Tate placed fourth, Cal Alexander placed third and received a bronze medal. Porter Meadows and Drew Conrad placed

helped Coach Pederson to the best of their ability. The team captains for next year are Patrick Simpson, Porter Meadows, and James Serht. Overall, the Microbe Wrestling team of about fifty had an improved and successful season which we hope will be even better the following year. We also give a special thanks to Coach Pederson for a good season of learning.

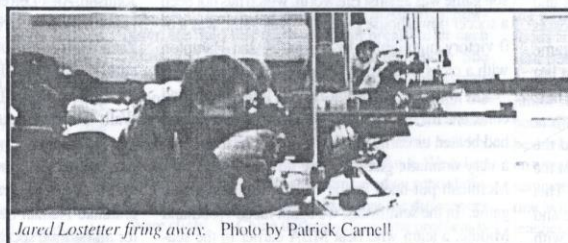
A Big Sport with Big Guns

by Drew Oldham

"Riflery is a very misunderstood sport" says Mrs. Steele who is helping out with the team this year. Riflery is not just pointing a gun at a target. It is very physically challenging. One of the drills that the team performs is holding the rifle pointed at the target for long periods of time. The guns range from a seventy-five dollar, three pound BB gun to a thirteen hundred dollar, eleven pound Olympic air rifle.

While shooting, the team members must wear leather jackets, shooting pants, and

shooting boots. In a match, shooters have one hundred forty minutes to shoot all of the targets from three positions: prone, kneeling, and standing. This year's team is made up of



Jared Lostetter firing away. Photo by Patrick Carnell

7th Grade on the (Basket) Ball

by Nick Reid

The 7th grade basketball team has had an extremely exciting and successful basketball season. Led by coach Emmett Russell, the team finished the year with a regular season record of 12 and 2.

Some of the season highlights were a win against Lipscomb at home, a five-overtime victory against Freedom Middle, and the sweeping of Brentwood Academy in a 2-game series on their home court. In the Freedom game, fabulous rebounding by Will Brackin, buzzer-beating shots by Akeem Turner and David Was, and steady free throw shooting by Jess Andrews helped the Big Red win one of the most exciting games in the school's history. The team really seemed to gel after the Freedom game, and huge wins against BGA, Ensworth and Woodland Middle School followed. While all of the players would get all the glory for the success, the person who went unnoticed was our manager, Brian Breedlove. For four months, Brian came to all of our practices and both the eighth and seventh grade games; while staying on the privilege list. The Big Red shows plenty of promise for future seasons and would like to thank all of you for your support. Team members are: Tate Jackson, David Was, Jess Andrews, Nick Reid, Michael Mayo, Adam Lipshie, Brandon Pate, Will Brackin, Clark Rollins, Akeem Turner, Warner Jones, Robbie Guerre, and Brian Breedlove.

ten members who are in the eighth, ninth, and tenth grades. The three eighth graders on the team this year are Brandon Gruber, Clay Collier and Jared Lostetter. There are

twenty-five matches a year including three overnight trips. The junior school season starts in late February and ends 5 weeks later. The state championships are being held here at MBA. If you are interested in seeing some intense competition, come watch on April 18 and 19. The riflery team is giving it their best shot and aiming high for '97.

8th Grade Basketball Team Robbed of Title

by Jamie Atkinson

Montgomery Bell Academy's eighth grade basketball team has finished its season with frequent wins and only a few losses. The players accomplished much in this season, although it ended for them in a sad way.

Their overall record was 14-5, with an H.V.A.C. season record of 4-1. Some of the key wins this season came against teams like Freedom Middle, BA, FRA, BMS, USN, Ensworth, and two wins against Lipscomb. Their losses in the season came from Murfreesboro Central Middle in the finals of the Overbrook Classic, Lipscomb in their third meeting, BGA, and Woodland Middle. Their H.V.A.C. record earned them a number two spot in the H.V.A.C. Tournament, having to play only one game to get into the finals, where they were hoping to avenge their disappointing loss to BGA. They prepared hard for this tournament all through the season. The tournament was held at Harpeth Hall this year. Freedom Middle had beaten FRA in the previous game, so we would play them in our game.

Freedom, being a team MBA had beaten by over twenty points twice this season, turned out to be a much tougher team than expected. The first quarter was a good example of Freedom's readiness with MBA building only a two

point lead over Freedom. At the half, MBA had taken a ten point lead over Freedom, and things looked to be going MBA's way. At the end of the fourth quarter, MBA still had an eight point lead. However, in about the first two minutes in the fourth quarter, Freedom had caught up and managed to tie the game. The score was about the same for the rest of the quarter, and the game went into overtime. The three overtime minutes were the most intense in the entire game. The score remained close for most of the time. In the final seconds of the game the score was tied, and it was Freedom's ball. They put up some bad shots, and MBA got the rebound with about six seconds left. Bill Alley immediately threw the ball up the floor to Ingle Martin who made a closing second lay-up that cinched the game for MBA just before the buzzer went off. The teams were out on the floor shaking hands, when the referees said that Freedom had called a time-out before the clock went off, so nine-tenths of a second were put back on the clock. Freedom threw the ball half the length of the floor and put up a desperation half-court lob that somehow went in. After celebrating its victory only a moment before, MBA had to accept defeat. Freedom went on to lose to Brentwood Middle in the finals of the tournament.

Despite the disappointing loss at the end of the season, the eighth grade basketball team had a great year. It proved to be a difficult team to beat, and one of the best teams in Microbe basketball history.

The Best New Features in The Library

by Josh Rosenblatt

10. Handicap accessible restrooms.
9. A bunch of computers
8. Books, lots of books!
7. More laptops (always checked out to the same two people Rip and Brandon)
6. Cool study rooms that are always full
5. A state of the art language lab that gets as many channels as they want. Just none of them get anything in Latin!
4. The internet, for research, really.
3. An elevator- (with buttons)
2. Nike shoe prints
1. Sitting on the john watching birds fly by. You guessed it, bathrooms with windows.

Deeper Thoughts
Eagles may fly high, but weasels never get sucked into jet engines.

Soccer Stats

by Jon Hampton

This year's Microbe Soccer team had an outstanding season with much improvement from its solid twenty-two man roster. Since football season ends in mid-October, the soccer team tryouts are held only two days before the first game. This makes the first few games difficult because the players do not know each other's playing style. The coaches were the always helpful and ever faithful. Mr. Lanier and two new teachers, Mr. Klausner and Mr. Fletcher, instructed us throughout the season on fundamental skills.

The team's final record was six wins and eight losses. The first two games were tough losses to Grassland and Woodland, but the next game against USN was a great 3-2 game won in the last two minutes by a goal by Drew Oldham. The next game was against Harding, who were good last year but seem to have lost some of their talent, and the over powering Big Red won 11-0. Everyone on the team got some game action for the first time. This match was a big win to boost the team morale and even the record at two and two. Unfortunately, with

most of the starters at another tournament in Alabama the diminished team lost by one goal in a hard fought contest against FRA. BA was the next opponent, and with the Varsity Football loss still in mind, the Microbe Soccer Team completely dominated with a 2-0 victory. The team then made two long journeys on I-65 to BGA and Freedom Middle, where the team suffered two losses to each of the division champions. An even greater loss at the BGA game was Britt Groomes broken shin that sat him on the bench for the rest of the season. CPA was the next opponent, and the team came away with a 3-1 victory. The perennial power BMS beat the discouraged team by one goal in the last few minutes, just like last year. The final regular season game was against Ensworth, which has not been a soccer powerhouse recently. This game was a 6-0 victory highlighted by a goal by Jon Hampton with a cross field assist from Ben Bevans.

Now the important HVAC Tournament had come and the first round opponent was BMS, which had beaten us earlier in the season. The team won a very dramatic game by one goal on a Matthew McIntosh put-back in the closing minutes of the game. In the semifinals, we again faced Woodland Middle, a team who beat MBA earlier in the sea-

son. MBA lost by one goal, but the team played its best game all year. The third place consolation game against Grassland Middle gave a chance for all the non-starters to get a lot of game experience. The loss ended productive season where the players learned to be a better team players. At the conclusion of the tournament, Drew Oldham was named to the All HVAC Tournament Team for his outstanding play in the three tournament games.

The eighth graders on the team were Justin Eagle, Britt Groomes, Jon Hampton, Ben Hickerson, Matthew McIntosh, Michael Osburn, Cameron Parks, Billy Pritchett, Tucker Robinson, Nathan Sensing, and Parker White. The seventh graders were Ben Bevans, Brandon Booth, Brian Charnock, Ross Johnson, Alex Lefferts, Morgan Miller, Ryan Mirian, Hunter Oldacre, Drew Oldham, Geoff Scruggs, and Zach Wall. With outstanding starting play from seventh graders Ben Bevans, Brian Charnock, Ross Johnson, Alex Lefferts, Geoff Scruggs, and Zach Wall, the team next year will be outstanding with lots of talent. The coaches look forward to an outstanding season next year from the solid play of the gifted seventh graders, and also would like to congratulate Nathan Sensing on his great goalkeeping for a first time soccer player.